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SUBJ: NEW TUNISIAN OPPOSITION GROUP REPORTEDLY ORGANIZED IN PARIS

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1. LE MONDE AND JEUNE AGRIQUE HAVE BOTH RECENTLY PRINTED
REPORTS ON THE FORMATION OF A NEW GROUPING OF TUNISIAN
OPPOSITION FORCES IN PARIS. THIS GROUP CALLED THE
"COLLECTIVE OF JANUARY 26" HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE IN PARIS
ON FEBRUARY 24. PURPOSE WAS TO DENOUNCE UGTT EXTRAORDINARY
CONGRESS TO BE HELD THE NEXT DAY AND TO APPEAL TO FORCES
OF OPPOSITION TO WORK TOGETHER IN BRINGING ABOUT
"DEMOCRATIZATION" IN TUNISIA AND LIBERATION OF ARRESTED UNION
LEADERS. ACCORDING TO JEUNE AFRIQUE, COLLECTIVE ALSO
PROTESTED DEATH OF HUSSEIN KOUDI (REFTEL) "AFTER HAVING
BEEN TORTURED," AS WELL AS FIRING OF ELEVEN TUNISIAN
JOURNALISTS FROM STAFFS OF RTT, TAP AND VARIOUS TUNISIAN
NEWSPAPERS.

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2. JEUNE AFRIQUE STATES THAT COLLECTIVE HAS OFFICES AT
46 RUE DE VAUGIRARD, PARIS. ACCORDING TO TUNISIAN
SOURCES, NEW GROUPING SEEMS TO BE LARGELY COMPOSED OF
COMMUNISTS AND BEN SALAHISTS. THE SOCIAL-DEMOCRATS
(EX-LIBERALS) AND THE MOSLEM BROTHERS REPORTEDLY DO NOT
BELONG TO THE COLLECTIVE. MULCAHY

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